

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An efficient emulation of EEPROM employing flash memory employs a fixed location for an address pointer in flash memory and such that an erase operation is required only once every  $n$ th update where  $n$  is the number of bits at the fixed location, thus avoiding the need to erase the sector on every update and avoiding delays associated with linked lists for determining the address of the most up-to-date information. Use of bit shifting provides fast determination of the desired address.

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